IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-41.   (cancelled)

42.   (currently amended)   A method of controlling the downloading of code and data objects by a set-top terminal in a cable television system, the method comprising:

transmitting a download control message to said set-top terminal, wherein said download control message specifies an object to be downloaded, a ROMable size of said object and a location of said object such that said set-top terminal is enabled to commence downloading said object upon receipt of said download control message;

specifying, with said download control message, an operating environment of said set-top terminal in which said terminal is to respond to said download control message; and

downloading said object in accordance with said download control message only if said set-top terminal is in said operating environment specified by said download control message;

The method of claim 8, wherein said operating environment is determined by whether said set-top terminal is executing and controlled by a platform object or a system object.

43.   (currently amended)   A system for controlling the downloading of code and data objects by a set-top terminal in a cable television system, the system comprising:

a set-top terminal connected to a cable television system; and

means for transmitting a download control message to said set-top terminal;

wherein said download control message specifies an object to be downloaded, a size

of said object and a location of said object such that said set-top terminal is enabled to

commence downloading said object upon receipt of said download control message;

wherein said code or data object is added to firmware of said set-top terminal;

wherein said download control message further specifies an operating environment of

said set-top terminal in which said terminal is to respond to said download control message;

wherein said set-top terminal will download said object in accordance with said

download control message only if said set-top terminal is in said operating environment

specified by said download control message; and

~~The system of claim 18,~~ wherein said operating environment is determined by whether

said set-top terminal is executing and controlled by a platform object or a system object.

44-51. (cancelled)